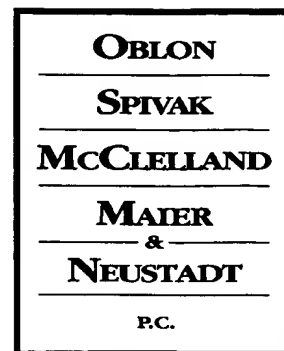




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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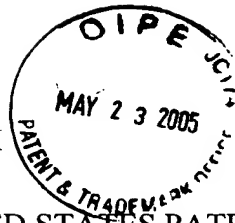
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The "Statement of Reasons for Allowance" included at page 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated February 22, 2005, characterizes the invention in terms of "an optical path via which the at least two modulated light beams propagate in opposite directions along said optical path," whereas Claim 45 and 57 make no mention of "an optical path." In addition, the "Statement" characterizes the invention in terms of "means for obtaining a dependency between the detected time-averaged intensity and an optical modulation frequency," whereas Claim 48 makes no mention of any "dependency."

Therefore, the "Statement" mischaracterizes the invention in unduly narrow terms inconsistent with the actual claim language. Accordingly, a revised statement of reasons for allowance consistent with the actual claim language is in order and is respectfully requested.

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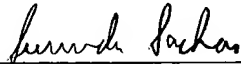
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